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SUBJ: DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS REJECT EUROPEAN SOCDEM EC  
ELECTION MANIFESTO

SUMMARY. OVER LAST WEEKEND THE DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS REJECTED THE "MAMMOTH" DRAFT PROGRAM FOR THE DIRECT EC PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS PROPOSED BY THE SPECIAL GROUP REPRESENTING EC SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES. INSTEAD THE DANES ADOPTED THEIR OWN MANIFESTO WHICH WILL BE CIRCULATED TO THE OTHER PARTIES. IN A LENGTHY NEWS-PAPER INTERVIEW, PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN COMMENTED ON THE MANIFESTO, DIRECT EC ELECTIONS, THE EC ENLARGEMENT AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC SITUATION. DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC RESERVATIONS VIS A VIS THE ORIGINAL DRAFT REFLECT BOTH INTRA-PARTY DYNAMICS AS WELL AS DEEPLY HELD PUBLIC CONCERNS. END SUMMARY.  
BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. 1. THE MAIN BOARD OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MET OVER THE WEEKEND TO CONSIDER A COMMON EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PROGRAM TO BE USED DURING DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
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THE DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS DECIDED TO REJECT SOME OF THE "PIE IN THE SKY" PROPOSALS IN THE "STRASBOURG DRAFT" AIMING AT EUROPEAN INTEGRATION BUT DID COME DOWN IN FAVOR OF CONTINUED EC POLITICAL COOPERATION ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS WITH OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.  
2. AMONG THE 27 POINTS IN A COUNTER DRAFT MANIFESTO THAT THE DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS DEVELOPED WAS A SIMPLE DECLARATION ON SEC-

URITY POLICY WHICH STATED ONLY THAT THE SECURITY OF (ALL BUT ONE OF) THE NINE WAS ASSURED THROUGH NATO MEMBERSHIP. ASIDE FROM STATEMENTS EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR GREATER ECONOMIC COOPERATION TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT AND TO COORDINATE ENERGY POLICIES, THE DANES CALLED FOR INCREASED WORKER PARTICIPATION IN INDUSTRY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF "ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY." THE DANISH MANIFESTO BLUNTLY OPPOSED AUTARKIC AGRICULTURAL POLICIES WHICH DO NOTHING TO RESOLVE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS AND ACCUMULATE AGRICULTURAL SURPLUSES IN THE EC AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TAXPAYER.

3. THE JANUARY 8 BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE) CARRIED A LONG INTERVIEW GIVEN BY PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN SHORTLY BEFORE THE PARTY'S MAIN BOARD MEETING. JORGENSEN TOLD REPORTERS THAT HIS PARTY DID NOT ACCEPT THE "DREAMY CONCEPTS" EMBRACED IN THE PROPOSED "MAMMOTH" STRASBOURG DRAFT ELECTION PROGRAM. SAYING THAT THE DRAFT IS "SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE TO US," THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT THE PORTION AIMING AT ULTIMATE EC INTEGRATION REPRESENTED "BIG WORDS INSERTED BY SOME WHO THEMSELVES DO NOT BELIEVE IN THEM." HE CONTINUED THAT DENMARK WAS PERHAPS MORE COMMITTED IN FACT TO THE EC THAN SOME OF THOSE WHO PROPOSED SUCH OBJECTIVES.

4. ASKED WHETHER HE EXPECTED OTHER EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES TO ACCEPT THE DANISH DRAFT, JORGENSEN SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH WILLY BRANDT AND ADVISED HIM THAT THE ORIGINAL OVERLY-AMBITIOUS PROPOSAL OUGHT TO BE REPLACED WITH A MANIFESTO OF MORE MODERATE SCOPE, FORMULATED IN A WAY TO GUARANTEE UNANIMOUS ADOPTION. JORGENSEN HOPED THAT THE DANISH PARTY'S DRAFT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSAL WOULD BE THE BASIS FOR AN AGREED POSITION AMONG THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

5. IN ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF THE FIRST DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EC PARLIAMENT, JORGENSEN IN EFFECT SAID THAT THE TIMING WAS LESS IMPORTANT THAN THE FACT, ALREADY DEMONSTRATED, THAT THEY WOULD OCCUR. JORGENSEN ALSO VIEWED SUCH ELECTIONS AS A VEHICLE FOR STIMULATING DANISH POPULAR SUPPORT FOR EC MEMBERSHIP.

6. JORGENSEN DECLARED HIMSELF IN FAVOR OF EC ENLARGEMENT SOUTHWARD BUT COMMENTED THAT THIS CREATED CERTAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS FOR THE DANES. IN THE INTEREST OF BALANCE, DENMARK WOULD SEEK TO STRENGTHEN EC RELATIONS WITH OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN, NON-EC COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE NORDICS AND AUSTRIA.

7. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, JORGENSEN SAID WHAT WITHOUT VEHICLES FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION WHICH EXIST TODAY (E.G. OECD, EC, EFTA, ETC.), WESTERN COUNTRIES MIGHT HAVE PURSUED THEIR OWN INTERESTS AS THEY DID IN THE 30'S WITH INCALCULABLE HARM TO ALL. THE PRESENT SITUATION IS NOT GOOD BUT IS CERTAINLY BETTER THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WITHOUT THESE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

8. JORGENSEN SAID THAT IN ATTEMPTING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS, GREATER STIMULATIVE EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY THOSE NATIONS WHOSE ACTIONS COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS AND INFLATION ARE IMPORTANT BUT UNEMPLOYMENT

IS EVEN MORE SO. END UNCLASSIFIED.

BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: 9. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE, POUL NIELSEN (PROTECT) TOLD POLCOUNS THAT THE WHOLE STRASBOURG SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DRAFTING EFFORT WAS NOT WELL HANDLED. THE DRAFTING GROUP, WHOSE COMPOSITION CONSTANTLY CHANGED, HAD NO REAL POLITICAL DIRECTION AND HAD GONE ON INTERMINABLY.

10. COMMENT: JORGENSEN'S REITERATION OF THE PRESENT DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE EC DEMONSTRATES TWO OR THREE THINGS. FIRST, THE PARTY HAS MOVED MEASURABLY TOWARD EUROPEAN "INTEGRATION," A DIRECTION WHICH IT PUBLICLY OPPOSED IN LEADING DENMARK INTO THE EC IN 1972-73. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RESERVATIONS THAT JORGENSEN EXPRESSED TOWARD "PIE IN THE SKY" INTEGRATION SCHEMES IN THE ORIGINAL DRAFT PROPOSAL IS BOTH A BOW IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIRECTION OF HIS PARTY'S LEFT WING AND AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RESERVATIONS HELD BY A LARGE PART OF THE DANISH PUBLIC TOWARD THE EC. THESE MISGIVINGS ARE FORTIFIED BY THE PROSPECT OF DENMARK BECOMING INCREASINGLY SUBMERGED INTO A LARGER, MEDITERRANEAN-ORIENTED ENTITY. DEAN

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